

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The arrival of fall signals that the harvest is here. It has been a wonderful year for the Hudson Garden Club and our harvest cornucopia is bursting at the seams!

From the beautiful community gardens, to our fabulous speakers at our monthly meetings, to a successful Home & Garden Tour to the wonderful additional programs that appeal to gardeners of all interests....it has been a successful growing season.

Let me know if you have any speaker/program ideas or are able to help contribute your time and talents to our next year of planting.

I wish for all of you a bountiful harvest,

Bronwyn

GRANT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Jan Lindstrom, Grant Chair

Applications are currently being accepted for the Grants that will be awarded by the Hudson Garden Club this year.

Once the applications are received, a committee of Garden Club members meets to review all applications and develop recommendations on those grants that should receive funding for their 2016 projects.

Serving on the Grants Committee is a very short-term commitment, but is very important in evaluating the grants to fund. We will have one evening meeting in mid November to review all grant applications received. In advance of this meeting, you will receive via email a summary of all grant requests and the full application for your review.

If you have an interest in participating on the Grants Committee this year, please contact Jan Lindstrom at jalindstrom@hotmail.com or (330) 697-3487.

HARVEST FAIR

was held on September 11. We had some great entries from the third graders. Thanks to our volunteers for helping make it happen!



"INSPIRATION IN BLOOM"

Stan Hywet Hall
October 1-4, 2015

Hudson Garden Club will again participate in Stan Hywet Hall's "Inspiration in Bloom" on October 1-4, 2015 during Ohio Mart. Along with area floral artists and professional florists we will create a special Autumn flower arrangement for the Billiard Room using flowers and foliage from members' gardens.

Last year 2,100 guests toured the Manor House during the weekend of "Inspiration in Bloom." We are pleased to be invited again to participate. This event helps us advertise our next Home & Garden Tour while donating our time and talent to the community and visitors to Akron's first and largest National Historic Landmark.

HGC Grant Requests Currently Being Accepted

Jan Lindstrom, Grant Chair

Since 2000, the Hudson Garden Club has offered grants to fund worthwhile projects or programs that fulfill the mission of the Club— spreading the knowledge and love of gardening, the beautification of public property and the support of education in horticultural and related fields.

Grant applications will be accepted until November 1, 2015. If you know of organizations that would be interested in applying, please direct them to our website under "Grants" where the current application and additional information can be found. If you have any questions contact Jan Lindstrom at jalindstrom@hotmail.com or (330) 697-3487.



This has been a busy month for the BUGs. We have continued to weed and maintain all the gardens, and on September 18 we had students from WRA, representing several countries, come and join us at both the Community and Rain gardens.

Many had not been involved in gardening and were eager learners. By the end of the morning they were gardeners in the making. Most of the Rain garden was put to bed and the Community Garden had annuals pulled, mums and kale planted and many perennials cut back. The Flagpole is still brimming with color and, until we get some frost, we will continue to enjoy it.

The Clocktower trough is now filled with the seasonal mums and kale, adding to our start of Fall.

The Fall Plant Exchange had plants for everyone. The plants were healthy and there was a great selection to choose from. No one went home empty handed! We were even able to supply Joan Sauer with some plants for the garden at Evamere!

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair



**Hats off to our
Harvest Fair
volunteers!!**

The Spectacular Amaryllis

Our November monthly meeting program at Laurel Lake on Thursday, November 19, 2015, will feature the beautiful Amaryllis and how to get the most out of this showy and foolproof flowering bulb year after year. We will also have an optional potting time after the program with bulbs we must pre-order this month.

The Netherland Bulb Company will be our source for huge (34cm) amaryllis bulbs. All will produce at least two stems and most stems yield four flowers, sometimes more! It can take up to 12 weeks from potting to bloom, so planting in November will bring us weeks of beauty in late January and February and even into March, just when we'll need it before Spring comes.

Choose between six different colors of bulbs! Two on a mantel or sideboard are lovely and the blooms can be cut for use in flower arrangements. And maybe you'd like a few more to pot up and give to shut-in friends or as hostess gifts during the Holiday Season. Bulb, potting soil and plastic flower pot will be provided. You may bring your own pot(s) if you wish. Cost is \$10 per bulb with payment to be made the night of the program, payable to HGC. You may order bulbs even if you are unable to attend the program. Check the retail prices for these bulbs online and you will be pleased at our pricing.

Bulbs must be ordered in October as supplier stock sells out!! RSVP with color choice and quantity of bulbs. Please place your order **no later than Wednesday, October 14, 2015** with Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831. Choose from these beautiful varieties: Terra Cotta Star, Aphrodite, White Nymph, Splash, Susan and Lemon Star.



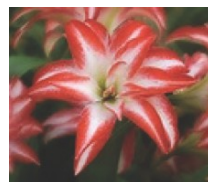
Terra Cotta Star



Aphrodite



White Nymph



Splash



Susan



Lemon Star

NOTE: Color will not be visible in the B&W newsletters.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of August 31, 2015

PNC Savings	\$ 61,884.14
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,779.18
Unrestricted Cash/Checking	\$ 33,799.04
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 114,462.36

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

September General Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 17, 2015

Bronwyn Pierson, President, called the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed 30 members and guests. She then made the following announcements:

- October's general meeting is our Potluck Dinner. Please see newsletter for details.
- A former club member needs to thin out her garden. Please contact Bronwyn if you are interested in adopting any plants such as phlox and daisies.
- Deb Graham will receive this month's flowers. Her husband recently passed away.

Bronwyn introduced our guest speaker, Michelle Darvis. In 2007 Michelle and her husband started an organic farm called: "Seeds of Love" in Stow reflecting her love of the environment and nature. Last year, in her other role as a full-time artist, she undertook a project, "A Year in Plein Air," completing an oil painting outside every day of the year. Tonight, Michelle gave a fascinating and informative presentation on "Seed saving and the difference between open-pollinated heirloom and hybrid seeds."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lawrence, Recording Secretary



October Harvest Potluck Thursday, October 15 HGC General Meeting

It has become a tradition to do a Harvest Potluck before our October general meeting. Dinner will begin promptly at 6pm and the meeting will begin at the usual time of 7pm.

If you wish to participate, please contribute a main course, salad/side dish or dessert. It has always worked out perfectly! Because space is limited, please RSVP by October 12 to Carol Lasko at bclasko@windstream.net or (330) 388-3803 so we can set up tables and provide sufficient place settings.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT FLOWER ARRANGING

Technology allows us an easy way to learn more about the art of flower arranging! And it is a way to see the kind of course work offered all around the nation and in other countries too. This month's first suggestion: spend some time on a UK website www.gillmcgregor.com. Gill teaches courses and workshops (in the UK) for Floristry and Flower Arranging and offers short videos on different styles and techniques of floral design. See VIDEOS TO WATCH on the Home page for a list of videos you may enjoy. A second suggestion is to go to www.youtube.com. At the Home page, type FLORAL DESIGN in the search box to see the many video offerings. Go online and learn something new this month about flower arranging!

Another interesting website is www.flowerflinging.com. This website "celebrates flowers, floral design, flower shows, fun and sometimes food."

ALSO NOTE:

The **Dahlia Society Ohio** is having their annual show at Petitti's in Oakwood on October 3-4. There are many, many horticultural specimens in the exhibit. In addition there will be floral designs showcasing dahlias.

Getting to Know Savory
Herb Group meets at Library
Tuesday, October 20, 2015 @ 9am
Sherry Beam, Herb Chair

Savory is one of those herbs that many of us have never tried but, it is the current International Herb Association's herb of the year. We will delve into learning more about this special herb and its many uses.

There are two popular species in its genus *Satureja* (Summer and Winter Savory) and their combined season extends from early spring into summer and fall and straight through all the snowy months.

Savory is generally thought of as the bean herb; and Germans come right out with it, naming the plant *bohnenkraut*. This is not just because savory's flavor complements all the legumes, fresh and dried: lima beans, navy beans, peas lentils, it is nature's answer to Beano!

In addition to beans, savory, particularly winter savory, adds bang to sausages, rich meaty stews and stuffing. It is used to flavor cooking oil, liqueurs, vinegars and salad dressings, and usually is part of Herbes de Provence mixes. The ancient Romans prized honey from the herb and used savory as an aphrodisiac.

This will be a fun meeting, and we look forward to adding another herb to our kitchens and gardens.

We will meet at the Library in the North Meeting Room at 9am on Tuesday, October 20. **Please confirm that you will be attending by October 15 to sherrybeam@hotmail.com or (330) 573-6353.**

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What's Coming Up

October 1-4, 2015 "Inspiration in Bloom"

Stan Hywet during Ohio Mart

See page 1 for details

October 3-4, 2015

Dahlia Society Ohio Flower Show

Petitti's in Oakwood

Sunday, October 11, 2015

"Easels in Eden: Monet's Gardening & Painting at Giverny" and tour of Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse

Cleveland Museum of Art

(This info was sent in an email blast on 9/21)

Thursday, October 15, 2015 — 7pm

HGC September General Meeting

Hattie Larlham's Nathan Edge, Speaker

Potluck: 6:00pm -- Program: 7:00pm

See page 3 for Potluck details

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 — 9am

Herb Group—Getting to Know Savory

Hudson Library—North Meeting Room

See page 3 for details



2015-16 Hudson Garden Club dues are due. Please remember to send in your Membership Form with your dues. Thank you. Looking forward to another great year.

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HUDSON GARDEN CLUB October General Meeting

"Hattie's Gardens"

Guest Speaker: Nathan Edge

Thursday, October 15, 2015

Harvest Potluck: 6:00pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room

You are not having déjà vu! A last minute scheduling change has moved our already announced September speaker to the October meeting. Please join us in October to hear from Hudson native and HHS graduate Nathan Edge as he talks about Hattie Larlham's sustainable agricultural program for adults with developmental disabilities. This fabulous program is in our own backyard, and Nathan Edge, Garden Manager, will speak to us about their garden philosophy, the challenges of growing organically and the benefits to the community.

THE GARDEN



Thanks to Michelle Darvis for the wonderful program in September on seed saving. I think gardeners of all skill levels learned something and I can't remember a question and answer segment lasting as long as it did that night!